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Title: MULTI-CHANNEL AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING DEVICE

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Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.


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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, in which the Examiner has rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,581,651 to Ishino et al.; claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,280,561 to Satoh et al.; and claims 2-7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoh et al. in view of Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Applicants traverse the above rejections and offer the following explanation.

The Ishino et al. patent discloses a speech signal decoding apparatus and method therefor, in which a speech signal is separated into separate frequency bands, these bands being coded and then multiplexed forming a coded data stream for transmission.

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